

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 977

By Gravitt

A RESOLUTION to commend Pam Hurst for her honorable and astute service as Hamilton County Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pam Hurst is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; after serving the people of Hamilton County for twenty-four years, she will take her well-deserved retirement on September 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as Hamilton County Register of Deeds, Ms. Hurst has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Pam Hurst's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, since her election in 1994, Ms. Hurst has helped develop the *Hamilton County Register's Training and Document Guide*, which is used by legal entities and her staff for filing requirements for each document; she also wrote and continues to update the *Tennessee Register's Guidebook* with new legal information and processes for Registers of Deeds in the State; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Hamilton County Register of Deeds, Pam Hurst has provided an onsite Spanish course for all employees, and the office began the electronic filing of documents in 2006; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Property Records Industry Association, Ms. Hurst served as president of the County Officials' Association of Tennessee from 2005 to 2006, chair of the Hamilton County United Way Drive in 2009 and 2010, and president and secretary of the Tennessee Register's Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Pam Hurst was named the 2012 County Official of the Year by the County Officials' Association of Tennessee, the 2002 Register of the Year by the East Tennessee Register's Association, and Outstanding Register of the Year 2000 by the president of the Register's Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hurst evinces her devout religious faith as a member of Christ United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Pam Hurst is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Charlie Bearden, and she loves being Nana to her six grandchildren, Kate, Jack, Hannah, Thomas, Graham, and Annaleigh; and

WHEREAS, Pam Hurst is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Pam Hurst for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Hamilton County Register of Deeds and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.